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SUBJ: GENERAL DURAN: "I AM NOT A GOLPISTA."

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1. IN AN OPEN MEETING WITH THE PRESS JUNE 13, ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL GUILLERMO DURAN ARCENTALES FORMALLY AND PERSONALLY DENIED THAT HE HAD ANY INTENTION OF TAKING CONTROL OF THE GOE BY A COUP. RUMORS TO THAT EFFECT HAD BEEN CIRCULATING WIDELY DURING RECENT WEEKS AND REACHED THEIR PEAK WHEN UNE, THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' UNION, PUBLICLY ACCUSED DURAN OF ATTEMPTING TO USE THE CURRENT TEACHERS' STRIKE TO FURTHER HIS AMBITIONS TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT (SEE REFTEL).

2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS QUOTE DURAN AS SAYING "I HAVE NO INTEREST OR AMBITION ALONG THOSE LINES. MY CONSCIENCE AS A MILITARY OFFICER MAKES ME THINK ONLY IN TERMS OF BENEFIT TO THE PNATION. THESE RUMORS ARE PART OF A COMAZUGN INTERESTED IN SPREADING DISORIENTATION AND CHAOS IN THE COUNTRY, ORIGINATING FROM A SECTOR ALREADY CLEARLY IDENTIFIED." (READ THE RADICAL LEFT.)

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3. DURAN COMMENTED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT IS "IN PERFECT HARMONY." THE COUNCIL, SAID DURAN, WOULD LET NOTHING STAND IN THE WAY OF RETURNING ECUADOR TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REFTEL, THE GOE HAD ALREADY FORMALLY DENIED THE UNE ACCUSATION THAT DURAN WAS WORKING

TOWARD A COUP TO TAKE OVER SLE CONTROL OF THE GOE. THAT DURAN HIMSELF FELT OBLIGED TO ISSUE A PERSONAL DENIAL IS EVIDENCE OF THE NERVOUS ATMOSPHERE. PRESUMABLE, DURAN'S PROTESTATION OF INNOCENT INTENT WOULD S RATHER HEM HIM IN ON HIS PRESENT COURSE. AND WHILE MANY HERE RECALL THAT A SIMILAR STATEMENT BY GENERAL RODRIQUEZ PRECEDED HIS 1972 COUP BY A MONTH, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT DURAN WILL OBTAIN THE UNIFIED BACKING IN THE ARMY NECESSARY FOR SUCH A MOVE. CORR

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